

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date December 21, 2007

In re the Application of

Shuji HIRAKATA et al.

Application No.: 10/828,261

Filed: April 21, 2004

For: FUEL CELL SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED OPERATION METHOD



Group Art Unit: 1745

Examiner: E. WANG

Docket No.: 119506

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired December 20, 2007, an extension of time for a period of one month is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 200708 in the amount of \$120 in payment for:

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